

यह राष्ट्रीय सवाल है, भारतीय अखंडता का सवाल है, यह देखने की बात नहीं है। यह भारतीय सवाल है कि क्या विदेशों में अपने दूतावास का आप संरक्षण नहीं कर सकते? आपके दूतावासों पर हमला होता है, गाड़ियां तोड़ी जाती हैं, झंडा जलाया जाता है। काश्मीर के अन्दर पाकिस्तान का झंडा लहराया गया। मेरा इस पर काम रोकने प्रस्ताव है।

(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं कहूंगा

I will consider the facts.

(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : देखिये साहब, मैंने अर्ज की है, आपका जो मोशन आया होगा, वह ठीक होगा और बिल्कुल सही है। मैं उस पर पर फैक्ट्स पता करवाकर डिस्कशन की बात करूंगा।

श्री मनोराम बागड़ी : मैंने एडजानमेंट मोशन दिया है।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मेरे पास फैक्ट्स नहीं हैं, मैं एडजानमेंट किस बात की करूँ ?

(व्यवधान)

अध्यक्ष महोदय : आप कालिंग अटेंशन दीजिये, आपने बताया, मैंने सुन लिया।

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY (Bombay North-East) : I am on a point of order. When are you going to have a discussion on Sri Lanka ?

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैंने कब रोका ?

You will give me some notice. I am always saying that I am in your hands.

मैंने आपकी राय से पहले किया' आपकी राय से अब करूंगा।

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY : I will give you notice and you accept my notice.

MR: SPEAKER : Yes.

I consider it very important that our Legations and our Consulates should be safeguarded. those Governments should provide the security. I will take it up with the Minister

12.16 hrs.

#### STATEMENT *RE* : SITUATION IN SRI LANKA

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA: Sir the situation in Sri Lanka has taken a grave turn in the course of the last fortnight. Our reports indicate that the Sri Lanka armed forces are conducting large scale operations in Jaffna, Velvettiturai, Chunnakam, Manner and other parts of the Northern Province, where the Tamils constitute the overwhelming majority of the population. There has been heavy loss of life and property of the Tamils.

In the statement made before the House on the 8th August, 1984, I gave details of the shelling of Velvettiturai and the extensive damage to life and property caused there. The latest reports indicate that armed action in other parts of the Northern Province, particularly in the Jaffna and Chunnakam area, has resulted in even greater loss of life and property in recent days.

Extensive security operations now appear to have been launched in the Mannar area. It is reported that

Tamils of India origin have also been seriously affected in these security operations. Apparently, the Government of Sri Lanka has embarked on, a series of military operations and the Tamil population of the Northern Province feels terrorised. What is worse, the Army seems to have gone out of control as admitted by a Sri Lankan Minister, and is reportedly on a rampage in various areas where whole bazars and houses have been burnt. Civilians have been arrested and killed indiscriminately.

When President Jayewardene was here recently, the Prime Minister had impressed upon him the necessity of continuing with the political process which alone could lead to a viable solution acceptable to all concerned. He seemed to agree with this view. At the meeting of the All Parties Conference of July 23, 1984 he outlined some proposals which are expected to be discussed at the all Parties Conference this week. We regret that no progress has been made in these parleys. We still hope that the Government of Sri Lanka and particularly President Jayewardene will give a constructive lead to these discussions.

It is tragic that this new cycle of violence has erupted and generated a climate of tension, confrontation and conflict. The Tamils are gripped by fear and understandable resentment.

Recently, President Jayewardene sent a message to the Prime Minister on the unfolding situation in the Northern Province. He thought that Tamil extremists had decided to come out in the open and challenge the security forces. The Prime Minister's replay pointed out that the number of Tamil militants being small, it was difficult to see what they would gain by challenging the armed forces. The Prime Minister had emphasised that the security forces should not over-react and further alienate the Tamil population as a whole. Unfortunately that is precisely what seems to be happening.

There are reports of reprisals against entire villages and mass arrests in various places in the Northern Province.

We take serious note of this situation, this spate of violence in the Northern Province continues, it is bound to have grave repercussions in other parts of Sri Lanka and precipitate an influx of refugees in our country. As the House knows, we already have over 40,000 Sri Lankan refugees in Tamil Nadu. On every possible occasion, we have urged upon President Jayewardene and his Government the necessity for the security forces of Sri Lanka to exercise maximum restraint and reduce their visible presence which has a provocative effect. Deescalation is the need of the hour.

The ethnic problem in Sri Lanka cannot be solved by military action. It is a political problem involving the just rights of the Tamil minority and only the determined pursuit of the political process of consultations and mutual accommodation can lead to a constructive way out. This has been our view all along and we have repeatedly conveyed it to the President of Sri Lanka.

We have reaffirmed our stand for Sri Lanka's integrity and unity and expressed opposition to all forms of violence. We have taken steps to curb activities which may be directed against Sri Lanka from our soil. Nevertheless to our profound regret and unease, we find the Sri Lankan Government has thought it fit to induct outside security agencies into a domestic political situation. This can only aggravate matters not only in Sri Lanka but also in the region. Our strong feelings over this development have been conveyed to President Jayewardene. On the diplomatic front we have expressed deep concern to the leaders of some important countries over the serious situation and repercussions to our country.

Shri Ram Niwas Mirdha

The whole nation feels anguished over these tragic events in Sri Lanka and we share the emotions of our brothers and sisters in Tamil Nadu. The Government have been doing everything possible so that these indiscriminate killings and the large scale operations directed against the Tamil population of Sri Lanka are stopped.

The Government are seriously concerned at these developments, including the induction of elements of foreign security agencies. In whatever we do, we must ensure that the plight of the Tamil community, which is already bad enough, does not worsen even more. I appreciate the strong feelings of the House, more so since many Indian nationals and others of Indian origin may also be affected. The government are keeping a close watch on the evolving situation and will take whatever steps are called for.

*(Interruptions)*

SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR (Dindigul): We want a full discussion today. I have given an adjournment motion on Tuesday itself. It should be admitted today. Almost all the other business should be postponed. This is a very, very serious situation in Sri Lanka.

*(Interruptions)*

श्री राजेश कुमार सिंह (फिरोजाबाद):  
इस को 193 में आप ले लीजिए।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : मैं ले लूंगा। जब  
आप कहेंगे तभी ले लूंगा।

.... (व्यवधान) ....

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Mayathevar, don't get agitated ... Please sit down.

SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR : What is meant by 'deep concern' ?

MR. SPEAKER : Please sit down. If, you want to learn something from me then listen to me. ... Please sit down now. If you get violent or otherwise get angry, that does not lead us anywhere. We have to be pragmatic. We know the feelings of the whole House are completely at one. We are agitated. Not only that we are grieved. We feel very sore in our heart. My heart bleeds with yours. We know what is happening. It has to be something which you all will evolve. I will allow you, according to your wishes, whenever you like to discuss it and find a way out. I am with you. ... *(Interruptions)* They will let you know — what the Government is going to do. Don't get agitated. Let us be pragmatic. Let us be calm and in this situation we have to do something.

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV (Azamgarh): At least let the Prime Minister talk to President Jayewardene on the telephone.

SHRI K. MAYATHEVAR : On the Independence Day I think the Prime Minister should have given a warning or ultimatum to the Sri Lanka Government. ... *(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : It has to be done very pragmatically, very politically, intelligently and it has not to be done with emotions. Please sit down now.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : I just requested you. Foolhardy bravery also will lead to something else.

श्री राजेश कुमार सिंह : मेरा आग्रह है कि जब इस पर चर्चा हो तो प्रधान मंत्री जी उपस्थित रहें।

अध्यक्ष महोदय : वह होती है, होगी।

SHRI CHANDRAJIT YADAV : Only this morning Mr. Yogeswaran, a

former Member of Parliament of Sri Lanka met me and he was requesting on behalf of Tamils with folded hands, 'We want only security. Please request your Prime Minister to ensure at least the security of our people.'

MR. SPEAKER : That is what she wants also. I talked to her. She is also agitated about the same thing.

*(Interruptions)*

MR. SPEAKER : Mr. Mayathevar, please be calm. Why are you getting agitated ? We listen to you.

DR. SUBRAMANIAM SWAMY : (Bombay North-East) : When Tamils are being killed, naturally he feels agitated.

SHRI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE ALLURI (Narasapur) : In Hyderabad, there is one place called Ramakrishna Studios where there were many Legislators under arrest. The family members of the arrested Legislators have approached for the protection of these Legislators.

*(Interruptions)\*\**

MR. SPEAKER : I have nothing to do with that. I did not allow them. How can I allow you ? I am not going to allow this. This is a State subject. No question at all.

Shrimati Patnaik.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : We were to have a discussion on Sri Lanka rather than a statement from the Minister on the 21st. I do not know whether you, in your wisdom agree that it should be advanced.

MR. SPEAKER : As you like.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : In any case, whether it is earlier or on the 21st, I am requesting through you that because of the seriousness of the situation, the Prime Minister should also make a statement. She should be present and take part in the discussion. Normally she does not do that.

MR. SPEAKER : Last time she was here. She had been here.

SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA : The Prime Minister must be present and she must take part in the discussion.

*((Interruptions)\*\**

MR. SPEAKER : Nothing goes on record. Mr. Mayathevar, I cooperate with you and you cooperate like this ! We shall deal with it. Shrimati Patnaik.

12.27 hrs.

*(At this stage, Shri Mayathevar left  
the House)*

12.27 hrs.

#### CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

**Unabated Rise in Prices of Essential  
Commodities and Steps taken by the  
Government**

SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK (Cuttack) : I call the attention of the Minister of Finance to the following matter of urgent public importance and request that he may make a statement thereon :

“The unabated rise in the prices of essential commodities and the steps taken by the Government in the matter.”

*(Interruption)\*\**